

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-22.

23. (Currently amended) A vehicle wheel weight comprising:

a mass portion cold formed of nonlead material, said mass portion adapted to be juxtaposed against a wheel rim, said mass portion defining a clip securement cavity formed therein; and

a clip made of spring steel, said clip having an attachment portion inserted into and retained in said clip securement cavity such that said clip groove is fixed to said mass portion, said clip further having an extended portion for engaging said wheel rim.

24. (Original) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 23, wherein said nonlead material is low carbon steel.

25. (Original) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 24, wherein said nonlead material is 1008 steel.

26. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 23, wherein said nonlead material is iron.

27. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 23, wherein said attachment portion of said spring clip defines at least one surface irregularity so as to facilitate retention of said attachment portion in said clip securement cavity.

28. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 27, wherein said at least one

surface irregularity comprises at least one hole defined through said attachment portion of said spring clip.

29. (New) A method of forming a vehicle wheel weight having a mass portion and a spring clip, said method comprising steps of:

- (a) providing an elongate piece of nonlead material from which multiple mass portions will be produced;
- (b) modifying a cross section of said elongate piece through cold forming techniques to that of said mass portions;
- (c) individually cutting said mass portions from said elongate piece;
- (d) form fitting a clip securement cavity in each said mass portion;
- (e) inserting an attachment portion of said spring clip into said mass portion, said spring clip further having an extended portion for engaging said wheel rim; and
- (f) closing said cavity against said attachment portion so as to attach said mass portion to said spring clip.

30. (New) A method as set forth in claim 29, wherein said nonlead material is low carbon steel.

31. (New) A method as set forth in claim 31, wherein said nonlead material is 1008 steel.

32. (New) A method as set forth in claim 29, wherein said nonlead material is iron.

33. (New) A method as set forth in claim 29, wherein said attachment portion of said spring clip defines at least one surface irregularity so as to facilitate retention of said attachment portion in said clip securement cavity.

34. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 33, wherein said at least one surface irregularity comprises at least one hole defined through said attachment portion of said spring clip.